

**MINUTES**  
**Cedar Valley Distribution System**  
**February 19, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Those Present: Jared Manning, Mike Silva, Kurt Moses, Sam Bauer, Deb Bauer, Ramon Prestwich, Rob Dotson, Kit Wareham, Worth Grimshaw, Bill Grimshaw, Delynn Barton, Frank Nichols, Nathan LeBaron, John Sherratt, Chairman Brent Jones, and LaRee Garfield, Secretary.

This meeting was called to order by Chairman Brent Jones. He introduced Mike Silva and Jared Manning from the State and Kurt Vest from the Cedar City office. He then asked Secretary LaRee Garfield to read the Minutes from the 2012 meeting. LaRee read the Minutes from 2012, and Chairman Jones called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Sam Bauer moved for approval of the Minutes; Deb Bauer seconded; Minutes approved as read. Brent asked about the Minutes for 2011 which LaRee had transcribed from the State website, and LaRee stated that they are a part of her file if anyone would like to read them.

Brent then asked Commissioner Sam Bauer to present the Commissioner's Report for 2012. Sam reported the 2012 water year was below average. The stream peaked on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 178 c.f.s. The flow remained low during May and June. We received a substantial amount of rain during July and August, keeping the stream flow higher through the rest of the irrigation season. The 2013 water year might be average. We've experienced a very cold winter with some moisture. Hopefully, we will get more moisture during the coming months.

The pond still needs to be flushed out two or four times a day, especially during the high flow, to wash out the sand build-up. Every time the pond is flushed, four irrigation companies lose water. The Coal Creek Irrigation Company asked to work on the Woodbury Split while the weather was still good. The irrigation water was kept in the North Field, East Extension, and Union Field companies clear into the month of December. Measuring the water in the Southwest Field is still a problem.

The Commissioner has in his possession the following: One 4-drawer filing cabinet and one Dell laptop computer.

Brent then called for a discussion of the Commissioner's Report. Someone asked if the pipe in the bottom of the creek still plugged up, and Sam reported that it did but he will try it again this year. He said that Ramon had told him to take the cap off, which he did. Sam reported that the Coal Creek Irrigation Company had rebuilt all of their headgates. The Woodbury Split did not get completely finished and still needs some work. Brent then called for approval of the Commissioner's Report. Ramon moved for approval of the report; Worth seconded; report approved as read. Brent then said that this is the year that we need to submit our recommendation for a Water Commissioner. This is done every four years. Ramon moved that we recommend that Sam be retained as Water Commissioner; Delynn seconded; motion carried. Brent said that we will make that recommendation to the State, and Mike said that the State accepts that recommendation.

Brent then asked Mike to give his report from the State, and Mike asked Jared to give his report from the current legislature. Jared said that there are several water bills being considered by the

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legislature this year, and they can be found on the website, [le.ut.gov-2013 session](http://le.ut.gov-2013-session). SB109 regarding the State Engineer's authority in the Change Application process when the water hasn't been used for a long period of time is a compromise bill which outlines the guidelines for this process. The bill is sponsored by Senator Okurland. Jared also stated that with Obamacare going in, all full time employees will have benefits from their employer. This also applies to Water Commissioners who work over 30 hours per week, which probably won't apply in Sam's case, but he should keep a documentation of his time.

Mike stated that page 19 of the annual report contains information from 2011, and the second paragraph summarizes what happened with the water in the Cedar Valley. He then referred to the map on page 20 and the numbers that correspond with the information on pages 21 and 22. He noted that we had some increases in the ground water elevation. He said that this year is shaping up to be about an average water year. Mike then turned the time to Kurt to discuss the maps on the wall. Kurt reported that the entire basin has been mapped once. This year they will be verifying the information which will be turned in to Enforcement if there is a problem. This has been the most challenging valley they have mapped because of the combination of surface and well water. Very few violations were found. Brent asked what we should do if we know someone is in violation, and Kurt said that we should come into his office and look at the information they have before reporting them to Enforcement.

Brent then asked Mike to present the Financial Report for 2012. Mike said that we began the year with a balance of \$8,142.19. We had receipts in the amount of \$9,897.48. Our expenditures totaled \$9,280.75, and we had an ending balance of \$8,758.92 December 31, 2012. Brent then asked if there were any questions regarding the Financial Report. There were none, so Brent called for a motion to approve the Report. Worth moved for approval of the Report; the motion was seconded and carried.

Mike then discussed the Delinquent Water Assessments. Nathan LeBaron was in attendance, and Mike will talk to him following the meeting. Ramon paid his assessment prior to the meeting. Brent will call Marion Ashdown to check on Eldon Ashdown's delinquency. Eldon is now deceased. We will try to determine who Howard Foley is and who is responsible for that assessment in the amount of \$19.80.

The 2013 budget was then discussed. Sam asked if we would need to hire a GIS mapping person this year, and Kurt said that would not be necessary this year. Sam commented that he would work for the same amount as last year, \$5,585.00. The State Engineer Assessment will be \$645.00 this year. The other items in the budget will remain the same as last year. Ramon moved that our budget assessment remain the same as last year, \$9,800.00; Sam seconded; motion carried.

Brent then called for the selection of a Chairman and two Board Members. Sam moved that they remain the same, Chairman, Brent Jones, and Paul Nelson and Ramon Prestwich, Board Members; Worth seconded; motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Brent called for a motion to adjourn. Ramon so moved; Sam seconded; Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.